



# The Toni Times

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## FORMER FOSTER CARE YOUTH GET A NEW HOME

### *San Diego Youth & Community Services debuts residential program*

A new program for foster care youth who have “aged out of the system” has opened on 35<sup>th</sup> Street in Normal Heights. Developed and operated by San Diego Youth & Community Services (SDYCS), the site will provide transitional housing and support services for former foster care youth between the ages of 18 and 24. The program will serve up to eight to ten youth and five to six small children in a newly refurbished eight-unit apartment community. With funding from the City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency (\$1.1 million) and the San Diego Housing Commission (\$413,000), SDYCS purchased and extensively renovated the property in 2006. I truly believe that the City has made a wise and immeasurable investment.

San Diego Youth & Community Services has focused on former foster care youth—such a vulnerable population. They have done a great job to curb homelessness before it happens. I am quite thrilled to see this program in my district. San Diego Youth & Community Services will provide a vital service to the community as well as to the City of San Diego. I feel very strongly that our youth should not be faced with living on the streets. They deserve to be heard, housed and helped.

According to SDYCS reports, an average of 300 foster teens reach adulthood each year in San Diego. Here and nationwide, between 25 to 40 percent of all foster care youth become homeless within 12 months of reaching the age of 18 (when assistance is discontinued). High percentages of this population also become dependent on welfare or engage in criminal activities. The SDYCS program is designed to help counter such trends. According to Walter Philips, Executive Director and CEO of San Diego Youth & Community Services, the 35th Street program provides a safety net for emancipated foster youth who otherwise would be at risk of becoming homeless. He adds that the enthusiasm and collaboration between the public- and private-sectors have helped make this dream become a reality.



Partners included the City of San Diego, the City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency, San Diego Housing Commission, United Development Group, QUALCOMM and County of San Diego Health and Human Services.

*Featured in the photo above are (L-R): Councilmember Toni Atkins, Housing Commission Board Member Todd Gloria, proud residents Joseph & Teresa and their daughter Teryah, SDYCS Executive Director Walter Philips, SDYCS Board President Rich Segal, and Janice Weinrick, Deputy Executive Director of the San Diego Redevelopment Agency.*

# ABOUT THE SDYCS HOUSING PROGRAM

## *Partnerships make it happen...*

The SDYCS transitional housing program will help former foster care clients prepare for lifelong self-sufficiency.

The apartments will house male and female individuals, single parents, and couples with children. Through a County of San Diego rent subsidy program, residents pay only 30 percent of their gross income for rent. One of the two-bedroom units will house a resident manager who will be on-call to assist residents in the evenings and on weekends.

Supportive services will include individual case management, counseling, crisis intervention, recreational activities, access to health and child care, and Independent Living Skills classes. The latter will cover topics such as budgeting, banking, parenting tips, work force preparation and applying for college.

Participants can live at the center for up to two years as

they prepare to become self-sufficient. According to Housing Commission CEO Elizabeth C. Morris, helping former foster care youth gain “life skills” is a key part of the SDYCS program. “Can you imagine? Turning 18 and

having no home or family. Little or no income. No one to co-sign a lease, much less help you prepare for a career. This program addresses those needs,” said Morris.



The two-story building, built in 1963, is comprised of two one-bedroom apartments and six two-bedroom apartments. Renovations to the property were completed at the beginning of 2007 and residents are in the process of moving in. Interior upgrades to the apartment complex included new flooring, paint, ceiling

fans, window blinds, lighting, and remodeled bathrooms and kitchens. Exterior improvements ranged from landscaping and courtyard tile to new laundry rooms. For more information about the program, call San Diego Youth & Community Services, 619.221.8610 (Annette Mike, ext. 275, or Hilary McFatridge, ext. 257).

# FREE MID-CITIES COMMUNITY MINI-CONCERT

## *To be held at Cherokee Point Elementary School in City Heights*



Please join me, the San Diego Symphony, the Metropolitan Transit System and Coca-Cola for a free Mid-Cities Community Mini-Concert. It will be held at Cherokee Point Elementary School, located at 3735 38th Street in City Heights

on Tuesday, March 13, 2007. Classical composers will kick-off the event at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone who attends the mini-concert may enter to win pairs of Symphony tickets to the upcoming March 16 and 17 St. Patrick's Day Concerts at Symphony Hall in downtown!

In addition to MTS, Coca-Cola, and the San Diego Symphony I would also like to thank the Price Charities Community Builders, City Heights Community Development Corporation and Cherokee Point Elementary School for helping to make this event possible.

## WATER CONSERVATION ART TRANSFORMS SAN DIEGO LIBRARIES

Book it to your nearest library and you may experience more than just a place to read. Several libraries throughout San Diego are transforming into galleries displaying student artwork that promotes the importance of using water wisely.

The 18-poster display showcases the 2006 winners from the City of San Diego's Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest. Established in 2000, the contest teaches children the importance of Southern California's most precious natural resource—water.

"We are extremely pleased to have partnered up with libraries throughout the city. We are hoping that the artwork will inspire more student artists to participate in this year's contest as well as inspire the community to use water wisely," said Chris Robbins, Water Department Supervising Management Analyst.

Visit any of the following libraries to get inspired and obtain more contest information:

Carmel Valley Library—3919 Townsgate Dr. 92130  
Mira Mesa Library—8405 New Salem St. 92126  
Chesterton Elementary Library—7335 Wheatley St. 92111  
Mission Hills Library—925 W. Washington St. 92103  
College-Rolando Library—6600 Montezuma Rd. 92115  
North Park Library—3795 31st St. 92104  
Edison Elementary Library—4077 35th St. 92104  
San Ysidro Library—101 W. San Ysidro Blvd. 92173



The Water Conservation Poster Contest is open to all public, private and home-schooled first through sixth grade students in the City of San Diego. Each year thousands of children participate in the contest and 18 winners are selected. Prizes and certificates are awarded to first, second, and third place winners in each grade level.

Deadline for the 2007 Poster Contest is March 28, 2007. Interested teachers and students can obtain information about

the contest at any of the locations listed above or by visiting the Water Department's "Kids Conservation Corner" webpage at [www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation](http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation). Organizations interested in displaying the children's water conservation posters may email [DestreeL@CollaborativeServices.biz](mailto:DestreeL@CollaborativeServices.biz) or call (619) 232-2112, ext. 104.

*The Water Conservation Program reduces water demand through promoting or providing incentives for the installation of hardware that provides permanent water savings, and by providing services and information to help San Diegans make better decisions about water use. For more information about Water Conservation, visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation> or call (619) 515-3500.*

*For more information about Stormwater Pollution Prevention, visit the City's Think Blue Program website at <http://www.sandiego.gov/thinkblue>.*

## FOUNDATIONS INITIATE BALBOA PARK STUDY

In early February, the Legler Benbough Foundation, the Parker Foundation and The San Diego Foundation announced a research study on Balboa Park to determine park's needs into the future. The foundations expressed concern as changes are proposed throughout city operations. This project will highlight the importance of preserving the grounds and facilities of San Diego's jewel, and will produce a study that will identify current conditions along with information that will be helpful to determine future operating, maintenance and security costs, possible sources of additional revenue, and the feasibility of private sector

support - important considerations to evaluate how best to care for this valuable regional asset.

The foundations met with Mayor Jerry Sanders who will coordinate efforts with city staff and the foundation's consultant. I wish to thank the foundations and Mayor Sanders for their efforts and I will be working closely with them during the project. I believe this is a responsible and prudent approach to gathering valuable information for our park and will be very helpful in future discussions of Balboa Park governance and the Balboa Park Centennial.

# BUDGET UPDATE: CITY CONTINUES TO GRAPPLE WITH DIFFICULT FINANCIAL ISSUES

## *Checks and Balances in Budget Process Clarified*

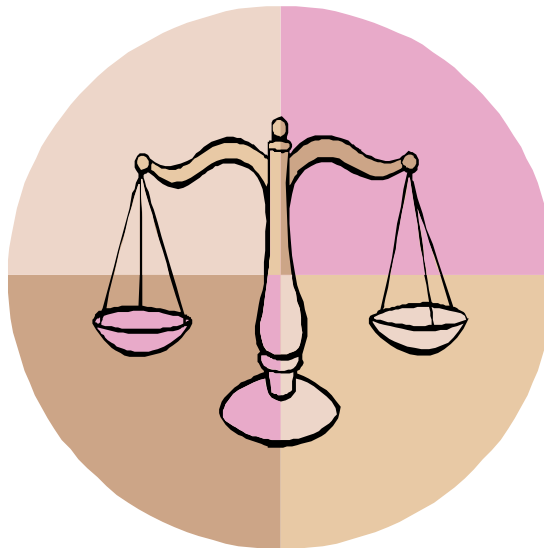
Recently, a disagreement arose between the Mayor and the City Council about who has authority to eliminate a program mid-year by not spending the money which was allocated to it in the budget process. This involved a swim program that was experiencing increasing costs and declining enrollment and a contract for community cleanup and beautification with the Alpha Project homeless program.

The Council's position is that once a program is funded through the budget process, the Mayor cannot unilaterally eliminate it, but instead, is required to come to the Council for approval to make the cut. Returning the discussion to the Council preserves the transparency of City financial decisions and enables the public to offer input on decisions affecting levels of service to the community through public hearings and contacting their elected representatives on the Council. This is consistent with the City Charter, which gives ultimate budget authority to the Council as a check against unlimited power for the Mayor under the new Strong Mayor form of government.

It was perhaps inevitable that in the first year of the new form of government, that disagreements would

arise. However, I am confident that a compromise will be worked out. However, it is critical that the proper checks and balances be preserved if our system of government is to work effectively, not only right now, but in the future as well.

I want to be clear about one important thing, however: I am fully committed to taking the necessary steps to restore our City's fiscal health. In fact, of the eleven reform items Mayor Sanders has brought before the Council, the Council has approved all eleven, often with a unanimous vote. These include adopting the Kroll Report recommendations, hiring Independent Monitor Stanley Keller to oversee the City's compliance with SEC mandates, approving cost-saving proposals to streamline City departments, and placing pension reform and managed competition measures on the ballot for a vote. We have also stopped the past practice of under funding the pension and frozen employee pay. I fully expect that the Council will continue to work in partnership with the Mayor as we strive to get the City's financial house in order.





## **BUDGET UPDATE: WE'RE MAKING FORWARD PROGRESS**

### ***“End in Sight” for 2003 Audit***

Securing a completed 2003 audit is one of the City Council's highest priorities and increased pressure to complete the work has been put on the City's outside auditor, KPMG, through both the Budget and Finance Committee and the Audit Committee. The 2003 audit, or Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) as it is sometimes called, is essential to the process of getting the City back into the public bond market where the City can borrow money for major projects at much lower interest rates than can be obtained through private borrowing. This both saves the City money and allows us to move forward on much needed capital improvement projects.

Working with KPMG must take a finely balanced approach, however, because it is absolutely critical that outside auditors be completely independent from the City in order for its work to be professional and credible. At the same time, Councilmember's, the Mayor, and residents have all been frustrated with the slowness of this process, which has been underway

since 2004 and which ultimately will cost more than \$6 million. While it was understandable that the audit could not be completed while the Kroll investigation into the City's finances was underway, delays since the Kroll Report came out in June 2006 have continued. In response, the Council has asked for KPMG to report on their progress weekly, often in person, and through its committees Councilmember's are closely monitoring the situation.



On a hopeful note, as of February 21, members of the City's financial management staff have indicated they believe the “end is in sight” for the 2003 CAFR. KPMG has significantly narrowed the list of items about which they still require information before they can complete the final steps of the audit. Of course, we've heard these optimistic predictions before, only to see matters further delayed. As a member of the Audit Committee, and as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, I will continue to insist upon weekly progress reports and will press both City staff and the auditors to complete their work as quickly as professional standards permit.

### ***Pension System Outlook Improving***

The Chief Executive Officer of SDCERS recently reported that the pension system has made great strides toward solvency and improved practices in the past year. Due to the successful investment strategies of system administrators, the pension system earned a 14% return on investments, much higher than the 8% that was predicted, which places San Diego's pension system in the top 42% of public pension systems nationwide. The additional earnings also help to pay down the unfunded actuarial liability (UAL) which is owed to the system due to past under-funding. Over a ten year period, SDCERS is in the top 4% for investment earnings nationally. The schedule for eliminating the UAL is under discussion by both the SDCERS Board and the Budget and Finance Committee. The goal is to ascertain how best to ensure that the past debt gets paid off so that the pensions of future city retirees are protected and the City's fiscal health and reputation are restored.

## HILLCREST TOWN COUNCIL OFF TO A GOOD START

The Hillcrest Town Council met on February 13th to discuss the structure of the new community organization to represent the residents of Hillcrest.

The gathering of over 70 interested people voted on several motions that included approval of the name "Hillcrest Town Council," adoption of a mission statement and the establishment of four committees. The Town Council will also coordinate with the Hillcrest History Guild planning for the Hillcrest Centennial celebration

later this year. The Centennial effort was jump-started earlier that evening with a \$10,000 grant from the Hillcrest Business Association. The Town Council also directed the Steering Committee to review the boundary area of Hillcrest and return to the next meeting with a recommendation.



The Town Council meeting followed a meeting of the Hillcrest Neighborhood Watch where the San Diego Police provided a crime report and encouraged neighbors to report crime-related issues to the police.

The next monthly Hillcrest Town Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00pm at the Joyce Beers Community Center in the Uptown District. The Hillcrest Neighborhood Watch

meeting starts at 6:30pm. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, or to lend your support to the planning of the Hillcrest Centennial, please call or e-mail my office or contact Hillquest at [info@hillquest.com](mailto:info@hillquest.com).

## NORTH PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LOOKING FOR A HOME FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL REBUILDING TOGETHER DAY

On April 28, 2007, the North Park Community Association will be partnering with Rebuilding Together San Diego to host the 2nd Annual "North Park Rebuilding Together Day". I had the pleasure of attending the first "North Park Rebuilding Together Day" last year.

Rebuilding Together San Diego is dedicated to repairing the homes of those who, due to financial hardship, age, and/or disability, cannot do the work themselves. With your help again this year, the North Park Community Association would like to continue to make sure one of these lucky families is a North

Park community member. If you or someone you know could use this assistance, please contact Kirsten Clemons with the North Park Community Association at (619) 991-2604 or Pamela Thorsch, Executive Director of Rebuilding Together San Diego at (619) 231-7873. They will provide you with the eligibility guidelines and an application.

Thank you North Park Community Association and Rebuilding Together San Diego for your continued efforts to improve the quality of life in North Park!

## NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NORTH PARK MAINSTREET



I would like to welcome the New Executive Director of North Park Main Street, Elizabeth Studebaker. In December 2006, Elizabeth was selected by North Park Main Street to serve the organization through 2007.

Elizabeth has extensive experience in event organizing and coordinating volunteer-driven campaigns. She previously worked as a Case Manager for the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council and as Outreach Director for the San Diego Coastkeeper. Elizabeth was selected by North Park Main Street for her diverse background in non-profit work, community service and local connections. She continues to sit on various community boards, including Progressive San Diego and Apollo Alliance.

Congratulations Elizabeth and I look forward to working with you this year!

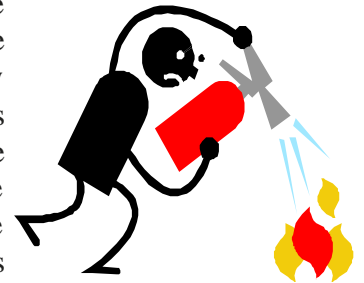
## STOP SIGN INSTALLATION INCREASES SAFETY IN KENSINGTON

Last November, I had the pleasure to join Kensington community group, The Talmadge Sisters, for one of their monthly meetings. One of their concerns was the safety of the intersection of West Talmadge and North Talmadge Drives, where they connect with Adams Avenue. The group requested that I have that intersection evaluated for stop sign installation and I am proud to announce that City's Traffic Engineering Department has installed stop signs on West Talmadge drive, facing northbound traffic, and on North Talmadge Drive, facing southbound traffic.



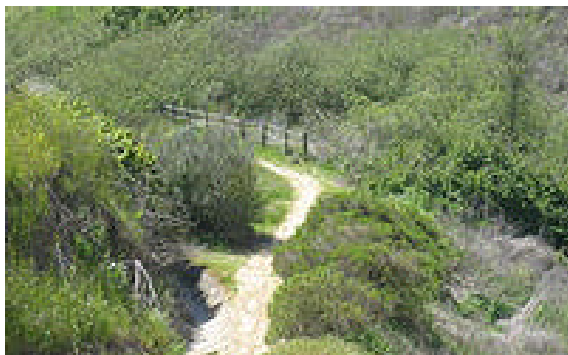
## KEEPING TALMADGE A FIRE SAFE COMMUNITY

Thanks to Talmadge resident Kathy Finn of the Talmadge Fire and Safety Council, Talmadge is staying in compliance with the Talmadge Community Wildfire Protection Plan that was adopted last year. In surveying Talmadge for fire hazards, Kathy reported the vegetation and weeds along Fairmont Avenue, Aldine Drive, Montezuma Road, and Collwood Boulevard needed to be inspected for compliance with the Talmadge Community Wildfire Protection Plan. I requested the Mayor investigate and he had the Fire Department and Street Division conduct evaluations. The Fire Department sent Notices of Violation to individual property owners requesting the weeds be cut back ten feet along the roadside where needed on their properties. Street Division crews are scheduled to clear the weeds on City property which will be completed by March 29, 2007. Thank you Kathy, for keeping Talmadge in compliance with the Talmadge Community Wildfire Protection Plan!



# CITY SUPPORTS KEHOE OPEN SPACE LEGISLATION

## *SB 373 would designate many Urban Canyons*



Canyon preservation groups such as Golden Hill's 32nd Street Canyon Task Force have long advocated for the classification of San Diego's publicly owned canyons and other open spaces as dedicated open space. This will become a reality if legislation sponsored by Senator Christine Kehoe is passed and signed into law. The bill, SB 373 would allow the City of San Diego to perform a mass reclassification of qualifying designated open space parcels to dedicated open space parcels.

On Tuesday, February 13, 2007, the City Council unanimously supported Senator Kehoe's concept as part of our 2007 legislative priorities package. I am particularly excited about this opportunity since I have sought for several years to identify city resources that would accomplish this same objective. Several significant bureaucratic obstacles and their accompanying costs have prevented the city from being able to reclassify many of our designated open space parcels to the more protected dedicated open space classification.

Canyons in every District 3 community could benefit from this legislation. While some District 3 open space is already dedicated, many of our canyons are merely designated and do not enjoy the same protections as dedicated open space. A listing of San Diego's inventory of dedicated and designated open space can be viewed at [http://clerkdoc.sannet.gov/RightSite/getcontent/local.pdf?DMW\\_OBJECTID=09001451800ed35d](http://clerkdoc.sannet.gov/RightSite/getcontent/local.pdf?DMW_OBJECTID=09001451800ed35d).

San Diego's system of urban canyons has long been recognized by planners and community members as one of our region's most valuable and distinguishing features. As urban densification increases, so does citizen interest in preserving, restoring and enhancing our canyons as a link to nature and a sanctuary from the urban environment. Since a public vote is required to overturn the classification of dedicated parkland, SB 373 could add an additional layer of protection to our urban canyons.

I will be following this legislation closely and doing everything I can to support Senator Kehoe in this effort.

## HELP NEEDED FOR SOUTH PARK OLD HOUSE FAIR

The South Park Business Group (SPBG) needs your help in finding a volunteer to coordinate the year's Old House Fair. The Old House Fair will be held on Saturday, June 16 at 30th and Beech in South Park from 11am-4pm. The SPBG needs an event manager to take care of vendors, the home tour, city permits, the wine bar, food, and kids section. There is a stipend of \$1,500 available as compensation. Please call Maureen Ceccarelli at (619) 233-6679 for more information.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

To increase the safety of drivers and pedestrians I requested that the intersection of Adams Avenue and Mission Cliff Drive be evaluated for ways in which safety can be improved at the request of a concerned University Heights resident.

The City's Traffic Engineering Department concluded that the installation of a red curb on the northeast corner of the Adams Avenue and Mission Cliff Drive intersection will increase the visibility cars and pedestrians have as they enter and cross the intersection. The red curb will be installed by the end of this month.



# District Three Neighborhood Meetings

## City Heights

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2596 Violet Street at 6:30pm. Contact: info@azaleapark.org.

Cherokee Point Neighborhood Association: Meets the fourth Wednesday at 6:30pm, Cherokee Point Elementary School, 3735 38th Street. Contact: (619) 285-1611.

City Heights Community Development Corporation: Meets the second Thursday of each month at 6pm at 4283 El Cajon Boulevard. Contact: (619) 584-1535.

Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the third Thursday of the month at 3850 Westgate Place at 6:30pm. Contact: FairmountPark92105@yahoo.com.

Mid-City Rotary Club: Meets every Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm at the Pearson Ford Regional Transportation Center, 4001 El Cajon Blvd.

Contact: Eveardo.Aguilar@sdcounty.ca.gov

South Castle Neighborhood Association: Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Buddhist Temple, 3322 Central Avenue. Contact: (619) 284-3118.

Swan Canyon: Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 3120 Euclid Avenue at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: rebecca@bairfinancial.com.

Teralta West Neighborhood Alliance: Meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 4283 El Cajon Blvd. at 6:00pm. Contact: (619) 281-3551.

## Golden Hill

Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation (GGHCDC): Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Moose Lodge, 1648 30th Street, beginning at 6:30pm. Contact: (619) 696-9992.

## Kensington

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association: meets every third Wednesday at the Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive, beginning at 7pm. (dinner for a reasonable price is served prior)

## Normal Heights

Normal Heights Cultural Council: Meets the third Thursday of each month from 6:00pm-7:30pm at 4649 Hawley Boulevard.

## North Park

Altadena Neighborhood Association: Board meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at Santos Coffee at Thorn and 32nd streets. Contact: (619) 280-6662.

Burlingame Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at different locations each month. Contact: dbyrne4bna@cox.net.

North Park Community Association: Meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at North Park Recreation Center, 4044 Idaho Street. Contact: info@northparksd.org

## South Park

The South Park Action Council: Meetings are held quarterly. For information or future meeting dates, e-mail Co-Chairs: Samantha Keenan at samkeen@cox.net or Connie McDonough at conniemcdonough@cox.net.

## Talmadge

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association (see Kensington)

The Talmadge Community Council (TCC): Meets every third Tuesday at 4725 Lucille Drive beginning at 6:30pm.

## University Heights

The University Heights Community Development Corporation (CDC): Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the CDC office located at 4452 Park Blvd, Suite 104, at 6:30pm.

The University Heights Crime Watch and Neighborhood Association: Meets on the first Thursday of the month at Alice Birney School Auditorium, 4345 Campus Avenue. Crime Watch at 6:30pm; UHNA at 7:00pm.

## Uptown

Bankers Hill/Park West Community Association: meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at St. Paul's Community Care Center located at 328 Maple Street. Entry is through the parking lot on the west side of the building. Contact: EucalyptusAlert@aol.com

Hillcrest Town Council and Hillcrest Neighborhood Watch: meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Neighborhood Watch meets at 6:30pm followed by the Town Council at 7:00pm at Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue, Uptown District Shopping Center next to Aladdin Restaurant. Contact: nancy@hillquest.com.

# District Three

## Community Meetings & Staff Information

### **MONTHLY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**

#### **Adams Avenue Business Association**

4649 Hawley Boulevard Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:30am. Contact: 619/282-7329

#### **City Heights Business Association**

Board meetings: second Wednesday of every month at 8am at the Metro Career Center Community Room, 3910 University Avenue. Phone: 619/516-2282

#### **El Cajon Blvd. Business Improvement Association**

3727 El Cajon Boulevard Meets the third Thursday of the month, 11:30am. Contact: 619/283-3608

#### **Hillcrest Association**

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 5:00pm. Contact: 619/299-3330.

#### **North Park Main Street**

3076 University Avenue Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00am. Contact: 619/294-2501

### **MONTHLY REDEVELOPMENT MEETINGS**

#### **North Park Project Area Committee**

California Nat'l Bank, 3180 University Ave., 2nd Floor Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm. Contact: Roger Lewis, Chair, at 619/881-8977

#### **City Heights Project Area Committee**

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Ave. Meets the second Monday of the month, 6pm Contact: Karen Bucey, Chair, 619/957-5818.

### **DISTRICT THREE STAFF**

**Denise Price**, Chief of Staff.

**Dale Kelly Bankhead**, Committee Consultant to the Committee on Budget and Finance. Communications Director; LGBT community liaison; HIV/AIDS issues.

**April Chesebro**, Council Representative to Kensington, Talmadge and University Heights; Constituent Services Representative to North Park, Normal Heights, South Park and Golden Hill; Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), homeless and senior issues.

**Katrina Crawford**, Council Representative to City Heights; African-American community liaison.

**Stephen Hill**, Policy Advisor/Council Representative to SANDAG Board, environment, canyon preservation, libraries, land use citywide; Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP), water and sewer issues, military/veterans issues; Council docket coordinator.

**Pam Ison**, Council Representative to City Heights; liaison to Asian/Pacific Islander community; citywide housing and redevelopment; SANDAG regional housing; school liaison and education issues; women's, youth and health issues; Chargers/Qualcomm Stadium; Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); newsletter; webpage.

**Cheli Mohamed**, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Atkins and Chief of Staff Denise Price.

**Monica Pelaez**, Press Secretary/Council Representative to North Park and Normal Heights; liaison to the Latino community; citywide business issues; Police Department liaison and public safety issues; Fire and Life Safety Services liaison.

**Jeffery Tom**, Council Representative to Balboa Park, Uptown and Hillcrest; Metropolitan Transit System; Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), infrastructure, arts and culture, energy, telecommunications, BID Council liaison.

### **MONTHLY DISTRICT THREE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

#### **Balboa Park Committee**

Santa Fe Room of the Balboa Park Club (Off Presidents Way west of Park Blvd.). Meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: Darlene Davies, Chair: ddavies@mail.sdsu.edu

#### **City Heights Area Planning Committee**

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Avenue. Meets the first Monday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact: Michael Sprague, Chair, 619/255-7902.

#### **Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee (GGHPC)**

Balboa Golf Course Clubhouse, Golden Hill. Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm or the city staff member at 619/533-5284.

Contact: Patricia Shields, Chair, (619) 295-1374.

#### **Greater North Park Community Planning Committee**

North Park Christian Fellowship, Second Floor, 2901 North Park Way. Meets the third Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: Vicki Granowitz, Chair, (619) 584-1203, or vdgwrl@aol.com

#### **Kensington/Talmadge Planning Group**

Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: Fred Lindahl, Chair, 619/287-3157.

#### **Normal Heights Community Planning Group**

4649 Hawley Boulevard. Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm.

Contact: Judy Elliot, Chair, 619/563-5473.

#### **Uptown Planners**

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District. Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm